



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
Brigham City, UT
Waterbird/Raptor Survey
April 17-18, 2014

A waterbird/raptor survey was conducted on April 17-18, 2014 by Refuge Biologist Howard Browers and volunteers Frank and Josee Kee with 46 species recorded. Water conditions were mostly good across the refuge. Despite the good snowpack in the mountains, April has been below average for precipitation, resulting in many of the rain-fed shallow playa areas being dry. Waterfowl numbers were well above average for most species. Recent arrivals to the refuge include Swainson's hawk, great egret, snowy egret, Forster's tern, long-billed dowitcher, and snowy plover

Canada goose	348	Great egret	5
Mallard	2,078	Snowy egret	41
Northern pintail	70	Black-crowned night heron	15
American green-winged teal	4,266	White-faced ibis	3,892
Blue-winged teal	5	Snowy plover	3
Cinnamon teal	3,564	Killdeer	48
Northern shoveler	28,162	Black-necked stilt	1,723
Gadwall	10,179	American avocet	12,434
American wigeon	4,653	Willet	6
Canvasback	59	Greater yellowlegs	15
Redhead	3,416	Long-billed curlew	31
Lesser scaup	6,557	Marbled godwit	2,157
Common goldeneye	1	Long-billed dowitcher	4
Bufflehead	435	Franklin's gull	8,623
Red-breasted merganser	89	Ring-billed gull	606
Ruddy duck	1,284	California gull	16,871
Unknown ducks	915	Caspian tern	126
Pied-billed grebe	10	Forster's tern	1
Eared grebe	16	Virginia rail	5
Western grebe	135	American coot	16,335
Clark's grebe	34	Sandhill crane	3
American white pelican	273	Northern harrier	3
Double-crested cormorant	1,511	Swainson's hawk	1
Great blue heron	107		

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